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MEMORANDUM

12 May 1954

TO : Chief, [redacted] G
ATTN : [redacted] A
THRU : Chief, Security Staff [redacted]
A FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: General - ARTICHOKE PROGRAM

Specific - Reiteration of Aims, Objectives and Functions

REF: Memo to Chief, Security Staff [redacted] dtd 21 January 1954 (copy attached) G

1. The ARTICHOKE Team, in accordance with its basic directive, visited and surveyed all [redacted] stations in B/3 the [redacted] area and interviewed all key personnel for the G purposes of orientation and the determination of possible operational targets and material for future ARTICHOKE activities. The various station chiefs and their staffs were clearly interested in the ARTICHOKE program, and were most co-operative in their efforts. All recognized the need for the use and development of ARTICHOKE for operational purposes.

2. To date, the following facts are outstanding:-

a. An operational case was successfully completed for [redacted] (see separate report [redacted]). However, the G prospects of additional operational cases are limited and will be sporadic at best. It appears that the majority of possible operational cases are located in [redacted]

b. Besides the dearth of operational cases, it was clearly evident that [redacted] subjects for ARTICHOKE F experimentation are unavailable or totally lacking in [redacted]. The possible exception being subjects furnished by the [redacted] G

c. Although previously suspected, it has been fairly definitely determined that the methods and techniques of hypnosis applicable to [redacted] peoples are not effective A with [redacted] subjects.

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d. Finally, even though the security problems involved in conducting an operational case are considerable, the security hazards in a research and development program would be significantly increased.

3. This then necessitates a revision of thinking and planning in regards to further research and development in the ARTICHOKE program. For this reason, the following program is submitted in some detail for consideration. This research and development program does not promise quick and spectacular results, but represents the most practical and secure approach to the problem. It will be a time consuming, tedious process requiring careful planning and co-ordination. The advantages and disadvantages are frankly presented as follows:

a. First; inasmuch as the primary mission of the ARTICHOKE Team is to satisfy the operational needs of the [redacted] area, it is proposed that the ARTICHOKE Team be based at [redacted] to offer better centralized operational support. Convenient access to all [redacted] operational files, which are of primary importance in evaluating the merits of a probable target, is readily afforded in [redacted] Also, on the spot decisions in operational matters, after the initial clearance has been granted, can be jointly and mutually agreed upon without the necessity of long involved negotiations. Technical assistance is available in the form of library facilities and [redacted] interpreters/translators located in [redacted] From [redacted] contact is easily made with the other stations and missions, namely, the [redacted] and the [redacted] in regard to any targets that may arise within those missions.

b. Second; in order to adequately conduct a thorough ARTICHOKE research and development program, a thorough search of the available literature in the [redacted] and the laborious development of methods and techniques applicable to the different racial groups according to the peculiar requirements related to the language, racial and cultural background and philosophy of each group, must be made. After this has been accomplished, the application of these methods and techniques must be made upon [redacted] subjects. A proposed plan for the field application of operational experiments and exercises, with the tentative concurrence of the [redacted] is attached hereto.

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4. Foresight is necessary to visualize the fact that unless adequate personnel and competent technical assistance are available, any research and development program will fail in its efforts. Emphasis must again be made that research is a time consuming, tedious process, oftentimes with long periods of seemingly nonproductivity.

5. Unless the above conditions are recognized, no research and development program should be attempted or even contemplated because of the disappointments and misunderstandings that will undoubtedly occur.

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ENCLOSURES
1-Memo, dtd 21 Jan 54,
Subj: Proposed R&D
Program at [redacted] (1 cy)
2-Memo, dtd 11 May 54,
Subj: Proposed R&D
Program to be Conducted
at [redacted] (4 cys)

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